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AMENDMENT FOLLOWING APPEAL

This is in response to the official action mailed November 29, 2006. The Examiner's action followed a successful appeal by the applicant of the original examiner's rejection of the claims. In the current action, the Examiner objected to the drawings, the abstract and some of the language of the claims.

Please amend the application as set forth on the following pages.